

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF)	
KENTUCKY, INC. FOR AN INCREASE IN BASE)	CASE NO.
RATES)	2016-00162

ORDER

On August 19, 2016, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (“Columbia”), filed a petition, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, requesting that certain materials filed with the Commission be afforded confidential protection and not be placed in the public record subject to public inspection.

In support of its request, Columbia states that the information it is requesting to be held confidential is contained in its Responses to the Commission’s Third Data Request, Item 5, dated August 5, 2016, and to the Attorney General’s Supplemental Request For Information, Items 3(b), 5(e)-(f), 23(d), 26 and 30(a), also dated August 5, 2016. The material requested to be held confidential in Staff’s Third Data Request, Item 5 includes a copy of the most recently completed Distribution Integrity Management Plan (“DIMP”) evaluation. The material requested by the Attorney General’s Supplemental Request, Item 3(b), seeks information regarding Columbia’s federal taxable income and deductions; Items 5(e)-(f) contains information regarding Columbia’s gas trading partners and projected storage quantities; Item 23(d) involves contracts with companies providing customer service tasks; Item 26 contains studies regarding the threat of by-pass by special contract customers; and Item 30(a) details compensation paid to its employees.

Having considered the petition and the material at issue, the Commission finds that the information contained in its Responses to the Commission's Third Data Request, Item 5, and the Attorney General's Supplemental Data Request, Item Nos. 3(b), 5(e)-(f), 23(d), 26 and 30(a) meets the criteria for confidential treatment and is exempted from public disclosure pursuant to and KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1), KRS 61.878(1)(m)(1), KRS 61.878(1)(k), and KRS 61.878(1)(a).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Columbia's petition for confidential protection for its Responses to the Commission's Third Data Request, Item 5, and the Attorney General's Supplemental Data Request, Item Nos. 3(b), 5(e)-(f), 23(d), 26 and 30(a) is granted.

2. The materials requested to be held confidential shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for an indefinite time period, or until further Orders of this Commission.

3. Use of the material in question in any Commission proceeding shall be in compliance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).

4. Columbia shall inform the Commission if the material in question becomes publicly available or no longer qualifies for confidential treatment.

5. If a non-party to this proceeding requests to inspect the material granted confidential treatment by this Order and the period during which the material has been granted confidential treatment has not expired, Columbia shall have 20 days from receipt of written notice of the request to demonstrate that the material still falls within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 61.878. If Columbia is

unable to make such demonstration, the requested material shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.

6. The Commission shall not make the requested material available for inspection for 20 days following an Order finding that the material no longer qualifies for confidential treatment in order to allow Columbia to seek a remedy afforded by law.

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